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SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT

1. COVERAGE OF OAS MEETING SLOWLY DIMINISHING. VENEZUELAN FONMIN SPEECH GIVEN, HOWEVER, STRONG FRONT- PAGE COVERAGE BY INFLUENTIAL O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO. HEADLINED " VENEZUELA CALLS FOR BASIC RESTRUCTURING OF OAS", ARTICLE STRESSES ASPECTS OF SPEECH CONCILIATORY TOWARD US. ELSEWHERE COVERAGE MOSTLY RELEGATED TO INSIDE PAGES. SAMPLE HEADLINES: LIBERAL FOLHA DE SAO PAULO: " OAS DEBATES ITS OWN DISSOLUTION" AND PRO- GOB DIARIO DE BRASILIA: " PANAMA ASKS RETURN OF CUBA TO OAS". GENERALLY LIGHT COMMENTARY INCLUDES COLUMN BY NEWTON CARLOS IN FOLHA DE SAO PAULO. HE WRITES, " THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN NIXON' S WARNING THAT ' THE DAYS OF PATERNALISM HAVE ENDED.' THIS WAS ONE OF THE TWO THEMES OF HIS SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS. ...(HOWEVER) NIXON SPEAKS OF THE END OF PATERNALISM WITHOUT ACCEPTING LATIN AMERICA' S TOTALLY FREEING ITSELF FROM SUBMISSION TO US STRATEGY. SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS SEES ' AN ENEVITABLE CONFLICT' SHOULD THE LATAM COUNTRIES NOT GIVE IN ON THE 200 MILES, A QUESTION OF ' VITAL INTEREST' ACCORDING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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NIXON." WRITING IN MODERATE JORNAL DO COMMERCIO (RIO),
EVALDO DINIZ COMMENTS ON PROPOSALS FOR OAS WITHOUT US:
" THE BELIEF IS EVIDENTLY GROWING THAT AN ASSOCIATION OF
NATIONS OF THE (LATAM) CONTINENT ITSELF, WHERE DEBATES
COULD BE LESS INHIBITED, WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE FOR THE
LATAM PEOPLES. THIS DOES NOT IMPLY A BREAK WITH THE US
WHICH COULD PERFECTLY WELL REMAIN GOOD FRIENDS WITH
LATIN AMERICAN ." (APRIL 10)

2. ON RELATED FRONT, NEWS OF OPIC REFUSAL TO REIMBURSE
ITT RECEIVED MOSTLY LIGHT INSIDE TREATMENT. EXCEPTION WAS
JORNAL DO COMMERCIO WITH SPLASHY FRONT- PAGE HEADLINE-
" VERDICT: ITT GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY" - AND LEAD STORY
BEGINNING " OPIC YESTERDAY JUDGED ITT, TOGETHER WITH THE
CIA, GUILTY OF CONSPIRING AGAINST PRESIDENT SALVADOR
ALLENDE' S ASSUMPTION OF POWER IN CHILE." (APRIL 10)

3. MOST SE ASIAN STORIES ON SVN PRESIDENT THIEU' S
MEETING WITH POPE WHICH GOT MODERATE FRONT- PAGE COVERAGE.
IN WAKE OF ICC HELICOPTER TRAGEDY, HOWEVER, INDEPENDENT
JORNAL DO BRASIL (RIO) RAN FRONT- PAGE ITEM HEADED " CANADA
CONSIDERS PEACE INSPECTION IMPOSSIBLE IN VIETNAM." O ES-
TADO DE SAO PAULO' S PAGE TWO SE ASIA ROUNDUP FEATURED
STORY WITH SHOOTING DOWN OF HELICOPTER. THEOPHILO DE
ANDRADE, WRITING IN RIO' S MODERATE O JORNAL ABOUT US POWS'
REVELATIONS OF TORTURE IN NVN, ATTACKS LEFTISTS FOR THEIR
SELECTIVE CRITICISM ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, " I AM DIS-
APPOINTED," HE WRITES, " BY THE LACK OF REACTION FROM
BRAZILIAN LEFTIST CIRCLES -- ESPECIALLY THE CLERGY -- TO
THE NEWS OF THE TORTURES TO WHICH THE AMERICAN POW AVIATORS
IN NVN WERE SUBJECTED. ... THE GENEVA CONVENTION," HE
CONTINUED, " ARE DISRESPECTED HERE AND THERE WHEN POWER IS
IN THE HANDS OF IMIOUS OR INHUMAN PEOPLE. THESE ARE
ISOLATED CASES. BUT IN VIETNAM IT WAS HANOI' S POLICY (TO
VIOLATE THEM) IN ORDER TO OBTAIN CONFESSIONS FOR USE
INTERNALLY AND ABROAD." (APRIL 10)
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